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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendments

1. Claims 1, 18, 28, and 34 have been amended. **Claims 1-44 are now pending.**

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims 1-4, 6-21, 23-39, and 41-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a two layer laminate comprising an upper layer comprising a resinous binder and colorants which emit fluorescent light when exposed to visible light and have a particle size of less than 150nm and a lower layer comprising a resinous binder and light scattering particles, does not reasonably provide enablement for a two layer laminate comprising an upper layer comprising a resinous binder and colorants which emit fluorescent light when exposed to visible light and a lower layer comprising a resinous binder and light scattering particles. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

The last line of page 5 and the first and second paragraph of page 6 state that the colorants are pigments and the "pigment size is selected so that the pigment particles will not scatter light effectively. Such scattering would induce significant diffuse

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reflectance that would be observed over a wide range of viewing angles and would mask the fluorescence. A suitable primary particle size for the pigments is less than about 150 nm, or less than about 70 nm or less than about 30 nm". Hence, indicating that the pigments must have a particle size less than 150nm to prevent masking of the fluorescence.

Claims 1, 18, and 4 have been amended to recite "wherein *when* the colorant comprises colorant pigments, the colorant pigments do not induce significant diffuse reflectance". However, the Examiner would like to point out that the use of the term "*when*" in this instance is the equivalent of stating that the colorant optionally comprises colorant pigments and not necessarily comprises colorant pigments. Hence, such a recitation does not limit the claim to comprising colorant pigments.

3. Claims 1-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Independent claims 1, 18, and 34 have been amended to recite that the "colorant pigments do not induce significant diffuse reflectance". However, there is no support for such a negative limitation in the original disclosure. The Applicants have directed the Examiner's attention to page 7 however the Examiner was not able to find any such support. The Examiner would like to point out that any negative limitation or

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exclusionary proviso must have basis in the original disclosure and that the mere absence of a positive recitation is not basis for an exclusion.

All new matter must be deleted in response to this Office Action.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheeba Ahmed whose telephone number is (571)272-1504. The examiner can normally be reached Mondays -Thursdays from 9:30am to 6:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carol Chaney can be reached on (571)272-1284. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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